

# BULWELL BULLETIN

PARENT UPDATE

APRIL 2017

## Getting the basics right!

Getting the basics right in a school sets the tone for learning and helps students develop essential habits for success in life. At the Academy we have seen a really positive change in the focus and attitude shown by our students. It is great to see so many of our students arriving on time and wearing their uniforms with pride.

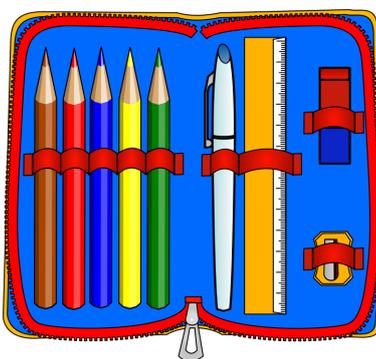
When we return after the Easter break we will again be focusing on students' time keeping and uniform. These simple things help start the day right and avoid unnecessary conflict between students and staff. When making uniform purchases during the holiday, please be guided by the information on our website.

Students who depart from the expected uniform are subject to our disciplinary policy and cause an unnecessary distraction to the learning of others. The wearing of inappropriate footwear, unacceptable jewellery and leggings instead of trousers are the most frequent areas that cause problems and can be easily avoided before students arrive at school.

I am sure that you share my wish for your child to start their day in a positive and productive frame of mind. As always, thank you so much for your support with this.

## Be ready to learn

I can't understand why a student would come to school without writing equipment.



We need students to come to school ready, and prepared to, learn.

**At the start of the new term, we will be giving each student a new pen, pencil and ruler.**

After this, they really do need to take responsibility for bringing the necessary writing

equipment in to school. If they need to replace their writing equipment, these will be sold at cost in our restaurant using the ParentPay cashless system.



*Mr Williams  
Principal*

## Mobile phones

We do not encourage our students to bring mobile phones to school with them and, if they really need one, we ask that they are kept out of sight and zipped away in blazer pockets.

All students are aware of our **'see it, hear it, lose it'** approach. If a student is seen with a mobile phone, staff are asked to put the phone in the year managers' office for collection by the student at the end of the day.



## School uniform

Our full uniform expectations are shared with all parents at the start of each year and detailed on our website. Shoes, and never boots, should be black leather or leather-look with no decorative trimmings. Trainers will not be authorised unless accompanied by a doctor's certificate.

Skirts should be a 'box skirt with kick-pleat' at the front. No short skirts or plain skirts are acceptable. Trousers should be loose fitting and slightly flared at the ankle – under no circumstances should black jeans be worn.

Students should wear the Academy PE kit and the PE Department will continue to challenge students who wear inappropriate clothing for sports lessons.

## Jewellery & Piercings

We will never compromise about facial piercings and we will only allow a simple silver or gold ear stud to be worn. All other facial jewellery should be removed.

## Ties

School ties must always represent the correct Year Group colour (eg., year 7—purple).



## Drinks & Food

We have seen a worrying trend for students bringing energy drinks, steaming hot 'coffee shop' drinks and high-sugar milkshakes with them to school.

Please be aware that these drinks will be confiscated from students when they arrive on the school site.

We encourage students to make sure they have a healthy start to the day by offering a free breakfast club between 7.40 and 8.15 am each morning.

We want to encourage a healthy diet and we are really grateful to all those parents who support our insistence that students only drink water on site.

**We have installed new lockers in our restaurants so that students can store their packed lunches and refreshments until lunch time.**



**If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress or the content of this Bulletin, please contact their tutor in the first instance.**